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OFFICERS elected at the annual corporation meeting were, left to right, seated, Bishop John Wesley Lord, president, and Stanley O. MacMullen, chairman of the executive committee; standing, Vincent P. Clarke, clerk, and Francis W. Capper, treasurer.

ANNUAL CORPORATION MEETING

Bishop John Wesley Lord, Howard D. Brewer, Stanley O. MacMullen, Vincent P. Clarke and Francis W. Capper were respectively reelected president, vice-president, chairman of the executive committee, clerk and treasurer of the corporation at the annual meeting of the New England Deaconess Hospital.

New members elected to the corporation are Dr. Robert G. Andree, headmaster, Brookline High School; Raymond H. Blanchard, president, Hood Rubber Company; Reverend Jackson Burns of the Harvard-Epworth Methodist Church in Cambridge; Deane C. Davis, president, National Life Insurance Company, Montpelier, Vermont; Thomas Dignan, Boston Edison Company; Reverend C. Homer Ginns, District Superintendent of the New England Southern Conference of the Methodist Church; Reverend H. Daniel Hawver, District Superintendent of the New England Conference of the Methodist Church; Dr. James W. Kelley, professor at Boston University; Stephen C. Luce, Jr., president, Martha's Vineyard National Bank; Charles C. McPherson, president, Stanley Products; Rever-

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OPENING OF CENTRAL BUILDING MARKS 57TH ANNIVERSARY

The opening of the new Central Building marked the fifty-seventh anniversary of the New England Deaconess Hospital.

After the initial excitement of the opening of the new cafeteria on the ground floor, the administrative personnel moved into the offices of the first floor. The first patient, Mrs. Mary T. Roohan, a former Deaconess nurse, was admitted to the third floor February 24. The second floor has since been occupied by the X-ray Department. The surgical suites on the fourth and fifth floors are to be occupied today.

The history of Deaconess has been marked by progress. The fourteen bed hospital on Massachusetts Avenue, Boston, founded in 1896, cared for 196 patients during the first year. Last year, 8,251 patients were admitted.

This is indeed the beginning of a new era for the New England Deaconess Hospital.

FIRST PATIENT admitted to the new Central Building of the New England Deaconess Hospital February 24 was Mrs. Mary T. Roohan, left, a former Deaconess nurse. She is welcomed by Robert D. Lowry, assistant director, as Miss Sigrid Hellmer, admitting nurse, looks on.

AMONG OTHER THINGS

. . . The month of March, we are reliably informed, is Wallpaper Style Month — a nice change from February, which is Cheese Festival Month.

The Standard Rate and Data Service also informs us the month started in observance of National Advertising Brands Week and National Save Your Vision Week at the same time — a circumstance that seemed bound to be disastrous for one or the other. Vision saved or not, we plunged right into National Smile Week and on to National Wildlife Restoration Week, Campfire Girls Birthday Week, and National Salesmen's Week. Now we are rounding out the month with National Hobby Week, National Laugh Week, and National Boys' Club Week.

Meanwhile, do not forget that March is also RED CROSS month. This is something we should all remember, for the RED CROSS aids the Deaconess Hospital and many of its patients directly by providing transportation and home service for needy patients and by providing us with trained nurses' aides and gray ladies.

Now the RED CROSS, at the request of the Federal government, is extending its blood program to supply gamma globulin — a fraction of human blood — for use in epidemic areas as a means of preventing or minimizing paralysis among children exposed to polio. The RED CROSS will pay for and undertake to provide a governmentally chosen agency with a large supply of gamma globulin. The government agency will then distribute it.

Let us all give and support the RED CROSS 100 per cent.

OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dr. Warren F. Cook had a coronary thrombosis January 25. Since then his recovery has been favorable. He was a patient in the Deaconess building until February 24 and was then moved to the Central Building. He was discharged to his home March 6, and his progress is reported good.

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MISS HARDING WITH NEDH 41 YEARS

(The following is reprinted from the Boston Globe, March 17).

BY FRANCES BURNS

"A Methodist deaconess moved in when a family of eight in the South End all came down with typhoid fever.

"She saved all but two of them, too," Orianna Harding said yesterday at New England Deaconess Hospital. "That was quite a record in those days. Stayed with them eight weeks."

The white haired receiving officer looked down the glittering corridor of the new wing, not yet officially opened. What she was seeing at the moment was a four-story walkup of 14 beds in the South End — the first Deaconess Hospital.

The typhoid family was one reason why that first tiny institution came into being at 691 Massachusetts Avenue, in February 1896.

"We had been doing the nursing right in the homes of the poor," she said. "We found a woman with diabetes, living all alone. In those days there was no way of saving them. We moved her in to the Deaconess Home where we had our training school. There were others like her. We could see we had to have a hospital. The diabetic stayed with us until she died. She had some money, about $3,000, and she gave it to us for a hospital."

41 Years at Deaconess

Today Miss Harding has been 41 years in the Deaconess Hospital on the Riverway as purchasing agent, dietitian, housekeeper, field secretary to raise money for it, and now, as receiving officer. She has been working as a deaconess 57 years. Some one in the hospital presented her with flowers today — but she found it hard to squeeze in the ceremony between receiving patients and getting their records, sending them along to the rooms from which they are most likely to go for operations.

Getting her story was literally a matter of a word in edgewise. A new patient from Winthrop, one from Jersey City, one from Maine, another from Brookline — each with some member or two or three of the family, a bedside radio, a suitcase, and a problem.

Photo by J. Coyne

DR. WALTER EUGENE KNOX

DR. KNOX NAMED RESEARCH ASSOCIATE

Effective July 1, Dr. Walter Eugene Knox of Tufts Medical School will assume his new duties as research associate and group leader at the Cancer Research Institute, it was announced recently by Robert D. Lowry, assistant director.

Dr. Knox is a graduate of the University of Nebraska and Harvard Medical School. He interned at Presbyterian Hospital, New York, and served three years in the office of scientific research and development for malarial research of the Army Medical Corps.

A Special Research Fellow of U.S.P.H. Service at Molteno Institute, Cambridge University, Cambridge, England, and at the National Institute for Medical Research, England, he has also been research associate in biochemistry at Harvard Medical School.

They kept pouring in. Miss Harding would care for each and come back to the minute in the history of the deaconesses of the Methodist Episcopal Church as she had seen them since she came up from Maine to work in Boston with them 57 years.

"We went out and told the churches how much we needed a hospital," she said. "Dr. Charles Parkhurst wrote a piece in Zion's Herald and the first check was $5 from a little girl."

They raised some $10,000, bought the houses next door to the Deaconess Training School on Massachusetts Avenue near the Boston City Hospital, fitted it out and opened its doors with 100 people present, in 1896. (The new Deaconess wing cost $3,500.000).

Miss Harding is the last of the workers then who still is around and active.

Good doctors came to them from the first, the deaconess said. There were the late Drs. Maurice Richardson and Daniel Fiske Jones, and Dr. Elliott Joslin, octogenerian world-famed specialist in diabetes who has sent some 300,000 patients to the New England Deaconess Hospital. Dr. Louise Paine Tingley, who died last year, performed her first operation on the eyes in the old Deaconess.

The deaconesses wore their long black dresses, black bonnets, with white ties under the chin. It soon appeared they'd have to have nurses' training. So the Deaconess Training School undertook that, too — three years of Bible training, followed by two years' nursing for each girl. The nurses wore floor length blue and white striped uniforms with leg of mutton sleeves.

"Patients, when they could, paid $12 a week for care," Miss Harding recalls.

Carried Patients to Operating Room

"The operating room was on the fourth floor," she remembers. "We had no elevator. The deaconesses and the doctors had to carry the patients up to the operating room in their arms — and down again.

"For the first six months we had no telephone, but Dr. Reynolds, who had an office two blocks away at Northampton and Massachusetts let us use his in emergencies."

Lots More To Do

Miss Harding said she wanted to emphasize that the hospital was Deaconess managed for many years. The Deaconess training school went over to Boston University and the hospital had an affiliation there and with Simmons College. But deaconesses were in charge when the first Harris Hall for nurses was built, the Consumptive Home in Roxbury became the unit for incurable cancer and then Palmer Memorial was built. The hospital with a present 373 beds, was expanded to 183 under the women.

Dr. Warren F. Cook, a Methodist minister and the present director, was the first nondeaconess head when he came 23 years ago.

Miss Harding still was in her teens when she came from her home at Prospect Ferry, Maine, on the Penobscot River, between Belfast and Bangor, to be a deaconess. She'd been fired to do missionary work when at the Eastern Maine Conference Academy at Bucksport. She'd thought she'd like to do missionary work in Africa, India, China. But she stayed in Boston.

"I want to keep on," she said quietly. "There is lots more to do — a whole world of suffering people still to be helped."

"Shorten the waistline and lengthen the lifeline," said Dr. Howard F. Root when asked for advice regarding weight control. The life span is increased with weight control because the penalties of overweight people include some of the major causes of death. Diabetes, high blood pressure, heart disease, and hardening of the arteries are vastly more common in overweight people than those never overweight.

Now is the time to cut down on those calories . . . before the hot weather is upon us. Swimming, tennis, and golf provide exercise, but remember that it takes a great deal of exercise to lose one pound. So try to eat less — wisely.

If you would like some help in "shortening the waistline," drop in at the Health Clinic on Palmer II.

BOWLING SCORES

March 5, 1953

Team	*Points*
Mr. Sabine	62
Mr. Emery	54
Dr. Tillotson	53
Mr. Lowry	51
Mr. Schraub	50
Mr. Makrokanis	46
Mr. Marotta	44
Dr. Cook	43
Miss Fossati	32
Miss Hankinson	24

High Averages for Year

Peggy Cote	85.7
Charles Schraub	95.7
Mr. Lowry	96

High Singles for Year

Tommy White	112
Charles Schraub	141

High Three-String Totals for Year

Tommy White	315
Charles Schraub	342

EMPLOYEE TOURS

The week after we moved into the new Central Building a plan was introduced by the Personnel Department whereby new employees were to be taken on a tour of the entire hospital within a week of their employment here.

The tour is intended to have new employees share our pride in the new building and also to familiarize them with the Deaconess Hospital as a whole. The individuals are then able to get an idea of the varied activities that go on within the many departments and to see for themselves how each job performed within the hospital plays its part in our total effort to provide the best possible care for our patients.

These tours have been arranged for Thursday afternoons and it is hoped that some of the older employees who still feel unfamiliar with certain areas of the hospital will make arrangements with the Personnel Department to accompany the group some time in the future.

BUSY "FRIENDS"

Miss Mildred B. Newton, newly appointed Director of Nursing Service and School of Nursing, was honored by Friends of the Deaconess board members at a tea February 18 at the home of Mrs. Eugene Mather.

The "Friends" met at the home of Mrs. Sheldon E. Wardwell for tea March 4 to informally discuss plans for their soda shop which is now nearing completion.

At this writing the "Friends" have already had two lessons in the art of making sodas and sundaes, and expect to open the shop by March 17.

VISIT INDIA . . .

. . . on March 27 at 7:30 P. M. in Joslin Auditorium with Mrs. Gertrude Jameson, Social Service Director. Mrs. Jameson will discuss her experiences in India where she attended the International Conference of Social Work in Madras. Her talk will be supplemented with slides. Everyone is invited to attend.

SENIOR TEAS

Graduating student nurses were hostesses of several teas held in Harris Hall during the past weeks. They were: Anne Griffith, Nancy Lee Reed, Mary P. Shannon and Carol Somes on February 5; Mary Lou Day, Caroline DiRico, Cynthia Russell and Evelyn Sanford on February 12; Anna Anderson, June Batchelder, Stella Fleming, Ruth Pilgrim, and Beverly Stewart on February 26; Eunice Foster, Barbara Hesketh, Audrey LaPadula, Mililani Paoa and Dawn Richards on March 5; and Sally Carlson, Barbara Cree, Astrid Matson, Judith Schucker and Deborah Thomas on March 12.

Photo by J. Coyne

MISS MILDRED B. NEWTON caps Shirley Woodrow as Rosalie Rizzo lights her candle.

THIRTY-SEVEN STUDENTS CAPPED

Miss Mildred B. Newton, Director of Nursing, officiated at her first formal ceremony at the Deaconess Hospital Friday evening, March thirteenth in Joslin Auditorium, when she presented thirty-seven students with caps.

The 1955 Seniors who received their caps are as follows:

W. Dawn Campbell
Laila Carlson
Joanne S. Carr
Alice Clark
Joyce Coombs
Joanna Cornell
Janet Darche
Constance Dougherty
Shirley Eaton
Barbara Ann Hall
Beverly Ann Harper
Betty Ann Hewitt
Anne Kenneson
Sylvia Ann Lyons
Doris McEvoy
Marjorie McKay
Alice MacKenzie
Barbara Marsters
Judith Mateer
Nancy Matson
Janet Molander
Ruth Moodie
Audrey Moulton
Betsey Nickerson
Marie Pantano
Ina Pennington
Rosalie Rizzo
Helen Robbins
Lida Robinson
Ruby Seagrave
Gail Somes
Shirley Sylva
Betty Theriault
Joann Thwaites
Carolyn Trainor
Nancy Welford
Shirley Woodrow

WANTED

(Samples sent to an English paper in response to an odd advertisement contest)

Nurse wanted, good needlewoman, to take charge of infant who will help in housework.

Wanted, a female donkey. Apply personally or by letter.

Wanted, a steady, respectable man to look after a garden and milk a cow who has a good voice and is accustomed to sing in choir.

Piano for sale by a lady with carved legs.

For sale, large Newfoundland dog, kind and gentle. Eats anything. Very fond of little children.

WEDDINGS

Miss Corrine Cooper, '49 Jr., to Mr. William B. Dodge on February seventh in Hopkinton, N. H. Mr. Dodge is a salesman for American Home Foods of New England. The couple will live in Holden.

Miss Jane M. Dryden, '50 Sr., to Sgt. Robert K. Grayson, USA, on March seventh at the Fort Devens chapel.

Miss Jean G. Larson, a '54 Sr. who withdrew from the School of Nursing to be married to M3/c William H. Tilton on February fifteenth. They will live in Orlando, Florida, near Castle Air Force Base where the groom is stationed.

Miss Beryl Lovering, '52 Jr., to Mr. Chet Nichols on January eighteenth at the Christ Episcopal Church in Lincoln. Mr. Nichols, a former pitcher with the Boston Braves, is now a private in the army.

ENGAGEMENTS

Miss Carolyn M. Gould, medical technician, to Mr. James D. McKinney. Mr. McKinney attended Northeastern University after serving three years with the navy during World War II, and is now employed by the Jackson and Moreland Engineering Company. A June wedding is planned.

Miss Lorraine R. Studer, surgical instructor, to Mr. Edward W. Shay. A veteran of World War II and the Korean War, Mr. Shay is now with the Massachusetts Bonding Company. They are planning an April wedding.

PLEASE NOTE: If your wedding or engagement has been inadvertently omitted, it is only because you have not notified us. We hope that in the future you will keep us posted.

Photo by J. Coyne

THEY'RE OFF on the U.S.S. Rowboat! Left to right: Marion Lorraine, June Batchelder, Lillian Marshall, Judy Schucker, Jeannine Lundin, and Audrey LaPadula.

"U.S.S. ROWBOAT" A SUCCESS

"U.S.S. Rowboat" had a successful voyage — if only for two evenings, March 2 and 3, in Joslin Auditorium.

The variety show, sponsored by the student government of the School of Nursing featured Marion Lorraine as captain of the ship. The acts included pantomimes by Audrey Moulton, Mary Fielding and Valerie Koskela; tap dancing by Carol and Gail Somes; singing and dancing by the "gay nineties bathing beauties" Beth Goldsmith, Virginia Bradbury, Barbara Belcher, and Ruth Pilgrim; and a flute medley by Sharma Kinney, Sue Pennington and Alice Ricker.

Faculty directors were Miss Janie Christie, Miss Irya Hill, Miss Lillian Marshall and Miss Marjorie Pond.

Not only did actresses and audience have an enjoyable evening, but the students were able to earn $218 toward the 1953 yearbook.

VOLUNTEERING PAYS OFF

Approximately eighty employees and volunteers aided the American Cancer Society in collecting contributions at the Boston Garden on February 23 during the intermission of the Ice Follies. In addition to helping a worthwhile cause, the Deaconess folks were able to see the entire performance of the Ice Follies.

ANNUAL MEETING

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end. J. Kenneth Pearson, District Superintendent of the New England Conference of the Methodist Church; Stanley Porter of the Porter Construction Company; Professor Irwin H. Schell, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Reverend John Snook, Jr., Crawford Memorial Methodist Church, Winchester; Earl P. Stevenson, Arthur D. Little Company; Jess D. Traylor, president, Donnelly Electric and Manufacturing Company; Dr. Guy H. Wayne, College Avenue Methodist Church, Somerville; Henry W. Webster, vice-president, Maryland Casualty Company; and Reverend Donald Wright, Mathewson Street Methodist Church, Providence.

LAST CALL FOR BLUE CROSS

If there are any further questions on Blue Cross-Blue Shield coverage or the supplemental plans, Mr. Nelligan will again be in the old Harris Hall cafeteria at check cashing time today. This is the last call for old employees to subscribe to Blue Cross or Blue Shield or to elect a supplemental plan until April 20, 1954!

DEATHS

Dr. Edgar S. Brightman, a member of the Deaconess Hospital corporation for over twenty years, died on February 26. Dr. Brightman taught philosophy at Boston University for thirty-four years.

Mr. Ben Ames Williams, noted author, died February 2. Mr. Williams was also a member of our corporation.